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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am an CART Captioner who provides live verbatim captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons. To do my job, I rely on a quality internet connection so I can hear good audio quality in realtime and upload my caption feed back quickly enough to meet accessibility standards.

I need competitive internet providers to drive the market and improvements to it, and to provide higher quality service with faster response times than monopoly giants like AT&T. My career depends on it, and as a hard of hearing person myself, I know firsthand the frustrations of out-of-sync captioning and how unacceptably unequal in access that is.

I urge you to protect broadband competition and critically consider any measures which would endanger it.

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